Abstract

A tunnel managing apparatus (4) is provided for managing a tunnel communication data for conducting a tunnel communication between a first data processing apparatus (1) and a second data processing apparatus (2). According to the tunnel communication data, a sustain data for sustaining the tunnel communication is transmitted to the first data processing apparatus (1). The first data processing apparatus (1) then controls the tunnel communication with the second data processing apparatus (2) in response to the sustain data received from the tunnel managing apparatus (4). Accordingly, a communications system can be provided for controlling the tunnel communication with no use of any communication controlling server.